



Atty. Docket No. 2212.0018C

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the PATENT application of

Gigi CHU et al

Examiner: Fields, K. W.

Serial No.: 09/256,647

Group Art Unit: 2153

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For: Network Monitoring System

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 19, 2001, Applicant hereby elects without traverse that which is designated as "Group I", to which at least claim 5 is drawn. Since claims 1-4, 7-9 and 16-23 have been indicated as generic to the species defined by the Examiner, examination of claims 1-5, 7-9 and 16-23 on the merits is now requested. Further, should the Examiner find *any* of the generic claims allowable, examination of the only remaining claim (claim 6) is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the subject application is a Response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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